



Funding Opportunity: Rural Health Opioid Program

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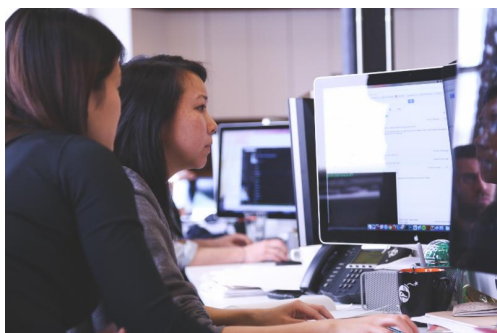
The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy recently introduced a new pilot grant program: "Rural Health Opioid Program (HRSA-17-022)." This program will bring together rural health care providers and other community-based groups to reduce the morbidity and mortality related to opioid overdoses. These unions will work in their communities to identify individuals at-risk of overdose and guide them towards recovery.

The coalitions will also provide outreach and education on locally available treatment options and support services. Approximately \$3 million will be awarded to up to 12 grantees during the 2017-2020 cohort.



For more information, click [here](#). For more information about improving access to health care in rural Maryland, visit the DHMH Office of Population Health Improvement (OPHI) State Office of Rural Health program [here](#).

Webinar: Technology Imperatives for Population Health Management



The Healthcare Informatics Institute has published a collection of webinars titled, "Technology Imperatives for Population Health Management." These webinars explore the evolving roles of clinical and non-clinical staff in chronic disease management and how a cross-functional team can be leveraged for effective care delivery. The webinars feature resources that focus on dealing with the Health

Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and other compliance requirements. The webinars aim to provide best practices to ensure success and reduce the time and effort needed on a daily basis for successful HIPAA compliance.

For more information about the webinars, click [here](#).

Report: Data-Driven Transformation in Health Care



Informatica, a software development company specializing in enterprise cloud data management, released a new guide titled, "Data Driven Transformation in Health Care." Health care is no longer limited by geography or time and consumers expect health interactions to be timely, frequent, and convenient. The new digital paradigm in health care allows data and information to flood through organizations as

well as to and from patients and communities. Enabling this free exchange of information allows people to work together in positive ways. Traditional business models and approaches to data management, analytics, and governance should adapt accordingly.

This report provides information on:

- How the approach to data management, analytics, and governance is shifting from traditional architectures to more modern, digital architectures;
- How patients are using data to disrupt the traditional doctor-patient relationships; and,
- The opportunity to leverage self-service analytics to enable unprecedented time-to-value for any decision.

For more information, click [here](#).

Event: Annual School Health Interdisciplinary Program

Thursday - Friday, August 3 - 4, 2017

The University of Maryland Center for School Mental Health will host the "17th annual School Health Interdisciplinary Program." The event will provide comprehensive information on coordinated school health. There will be training sessions focused on helping school-based health care professionals understand core concepts in the school health field, including best practice strategies and policy across a three-tiered framework of health care.



Continuing education credits will be available for nurses. For more information, click [here](#). For more information about guidelines and standards for school health services, please visit the DHMH (OPHI) School Health program [here](#).

Webinar: Food Insecurity and the Role of Hospitals



Thursday, July 6, 2017

The American Hospital Association will host a webinar titled, "Food Insecurity and the Role of Hospitals." Food insecurity refers to be the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. This webinar will feature innovative practices that Arkansas Children's Hospital and Promedica have implemented to identify

and reduce the prevalence of food insecurity in the communities they serve. Participants of this webinar can expect to:

- Understand food insecurity.
- Learn how to screen for food insecurity and other determinants of health.
- Understand the importance of partnership with organizations in the food industry.
- Outline various practices to address food insecurity, such as food pharmacies and food pantries.

For more information, click [here](#).

Event: Effective Care for High-Need Patients

Thursday, July 6, 2017

The National Academy of Medicine will hold an event to release a special publication titled, "Effective Care for High Need Patients: Opportunities for Improving Outcomes, Value and Health." This meeting will be used as a platform to discuss action priorities for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of care for high-need patients. High-need patients include an increasingly diverse group of people who may have functional limitations that affect their ability to get care, have high medical expenditures, and utilize a significant amount of care. The special publication summarizes findings from a three-part workshop series. The meeting will include a robust discussion of:



- Key characteristics of high-need patients;
- The use of a patient categorization scheme—or a taxonomy—as a tool to inform and target care;
- Promising care models and attributes to better serve this patient population, as well as insights on “matching” these models to specific patient groups; and,
- Areas of opportunity for policy-level action to support the spread and scale of evidence-based programs.

For more information, click [here](#). For more information about health system reform and delivery aimed at achieving population health improvement and health care cost moderation, please visit the [OPHI Health Systems Transformation](#) Program.

Event: Health Communication, Marketing and Media



Wednesday - Friday, August 23 - 25, 2017

The National Public Health Information Coalition will host the "11th annual National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media." This conference will provide a forum for dialogue within and across the federal and state government and the private sector. Encouraged to attend are academics as well as public health researchers and practitioners in both the public and private sectors.

For more information, click [here](#).

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